

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1 – 9 have been canceled.

10. (currently amended) The aqueous solution of claim 4 ~~18~~ further comprising a chelating agent.
11. (original) The aqueous solution of claim 10 wherein said chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid, diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid, salts thereof, and mixtures thereof.
12. (currently amended) The aqueous solution of claim 4 ~~18~~ further comprising a surfactant.
13. (original) The aqueous solution of claim 12 wherein said surfactant is selected from the group consisting of poloxomers, poloxamines, octoxynol, hydroxylated castor oil, and tyloxapol.
14. (currently amended) The aqueous solution of claim 4 ~~18~~ further comprising a tonicity agent.
15. (original) The aqueous solution of claim 14 wherein said tonicity agent is sodium chloride.
16. (currently amended) The aqueous solution of claim 4 ~~18~~ further comprising a viscosity modifying agent.
17. (original) The aqueous solution of claim 16 wherein said viscosity modifying agent is selected from the group consisting of lecithin, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, and methylcellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.
18. (currently amended) An aqueous solution for disinfecting a contact lens comprising from 0.1 to 10 ppm of a microbicide selected from the group consisting of polyhexamethylene biguanide and alexidine; and 0.001 to 0.2 mol/L of 1,3-bis(tris[hydroxylmethyl] methylamino)propane or a salt thereof, said solution adjusted to pH 6.8 to 7.5; ~~wherein said aqueous solution is free of polyol compounds.~~
- 19 – 20. (cancelled)